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SUBJECT: CONSULAR CONVENTION

REF: ( A) STATE 122763 ( B) PRAGUE 1446

1. MEETINGS WITH CHIEF OF MFA CONSULAR DEPARTMENT ON DUAL-NATIONAL QUESTION ( REPORTED REFTEL B) AND GENERALLY ANXIOUS ATTITUDE OF MFA ON CONSULAR CONVENTION LEADS US TO BELIEVE THAT MFA IS READY TO SETTLE DUAL- NATIONAL QUESTION AND REMAINING CONSULAR CONVENTION ISSUES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IF AGREEMENT IS REACHED ON DUAL NATIONALS BY JULY 3 AS INDICATED BY MFA OFFICIAL, GOVERNMENT- LEVEL NEGOTIATIONS ON CONVENTION AND INITIALLING OF TEXTS COULD TAKE PLACE DURING FOLLOWING WEEK AND CONVENTION COULD BE READY FOR SIGNATURE ON ABOUT JULY 24. EARLIER AGREEMENT ON DUAL- NATIONAL QUESTION COULD SPEED UP ABOVE TIMETABLE.

2. CONSULAR CONVENTION ISSUES OUTSTANDING ARE: CHANGES PROPOSED IN REFTEL( A), WHICH WE BELIEVE WILL BE ACCEPTED BY CZECHS WITHOUT PROBLEM, MINOR STYLISTIC CHANGES TO BE PROPOSED BY CZECHS, AND CLEARING UP MISUNDERSTANDING CONCERNING WHETHER CONVENTION WILL BE BETWEEN COUNTRIES OR PRESIDENTS. ACCORDING TO MFA, ALL OF THESE ISSUES WILL BE RESOLVED DURING GOVERNMENT- LEVEL NEGOTIATIONS AND FINAL AUTHORITATIVE

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TEXT WILL EMERGE FROM THIS SESSION. NO SPECIAL ACTION IS  
REQUIRED ON OUR PART.

3. EMBASSY POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT( L) AS ENCLOSURE TO PRAGUE A-89  
CZECH TEXT OF CONVENTION AS COMPILED BY MFA AFTER  
CONCLUSION OF EXPERT- LEVEL NEGOTIATIONS. FURTHER CHANGES AGREED  
TO AT EXPERT- LEVEL OR DURING GOVERNMENT- LEVEL NEGOTIATIONS WILL  
BE SENT TO DEPARTMENT BY TELEGRAM SO THAT WHEN FINAL AGREEMENT IS  
REACHED ON TEXT, DEPARTMENT LANGUAGE SERVICES CAN COMPARE  
TEXT WITH ENGLISH TEXT ALREADY IN DEPARTMENT.

4. EMBASSY WILL BE ABLE TO PREPARE CONVENTION FOR SIGNATURE  
AND TO AUTHENTICATE BOTH CZECH AND ENGLISH TEXTS. WE HAVE  
AGREED WITH MFA TO PREPARE BOTH COPIES OF ENGLISH- LANGUAGE  
TEXT. THEY WILL PREPARE CZECH VERSIONS. FOR THIS PURPOSE  
REQUEST THAT DEPARTMENT POUCH AS SOON AS POSSIBLE SUFFICIENT  
QUANTITIES OF TREATY PAPER OR INSTRUCTIONS ON WHAT LOCALLY-  
OBTAINABLE PAPER SHOULD BE USED.

5. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT PRESENCE OF TREATY EXPERT WOULD BE  
USEFUL IN PREPARING TEXTS FOR SIGNATURE.

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